(c) The expenditure incurred on these visits by Government.

The total expenditure incurred on the visits of the above mentioned Government servants on account of Travelling and Daily Allowances is given below:

Indian Rupees	Foreign Exchange
Rs. 4,53,132·24	US$ 6558.50

The requisite information in respect of Law Officers is being collected and will be furnished separately.

Opening of regional office of national Book Trust

1491. DR. NAGEN SAIKIA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to open a regional office of the National Book Trust in Guwahati for giving better service to the region;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, whether Government propose to take a decision in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA): (a) to (c) Presently, the Eastern Regional Office of the National Book Trust, India located at Calcutta caters to the needs of the North Eastern Region. The National Book Trust, India, however, propose in their Draft Eighth Five Year Plan that a sub-regional office for the North East should be set up at Guwahati headed by an Assistant Regional Manager.

Appointment of a non-assamese speaking Librarian in Central Secretariat Library

1492. DR. NAGEN SAIKIA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the post of a Librarian for the Assamese Section in the Central Secretariat Library has been filled up by a person who does not know Assamese;

(b) what are the reasons for not appointing an Assamese speaking person; and

(c) whether Government would appoint some Assamese to that post?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Yes, Sir.

Manufacture/Import of computers

1493. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is Government's programme for the manufacture/import of computers of various sizes in the current financial year;

(b) the number of units in the country licensed to manufacture spare parts for computers; and

(c) what is their licensed capacity/installed capacity and the actual production during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (PROF. M. G. K. MENON): (a) Government have licensed a number of parties for creating a wide manufacturing base for production of micros, minis, super minis, engineering work stations and mainframe computer systems of various sizes. Foreign collaborations have been allowed and import of design and drawings are permitted on a liberal basis.

New manufacturing projects in the areas of specialised systems such as knowledge based computer systems, artificial intelligence, real time computer systems and parallel processing

systems are proposed to be encouraged in the current financial year.

Import of computers is considered on the basis of need.

(b) No units in the country have been licensed specifically to manufacture spare parts for computers. However, there are about 90 units both in the organised and small scale sectors producing computer systems and its sub assemblies in the country. All these units are allowed to manufacture the parts and sub-assemblies of the computer systems, including spare parts, for their captive consumption, for the maintenance of their own systems and for selling to other manufacturers and users also.

(c) The total licensed capacity of computers and computer based systems in the organised sector is presently around Rs. 1500 crores and installed capacity is around Rs. 950 crores. The approved capacity of small scale units is around Rs. 925 crores. The actual total production of computer systesm in the country both in the organised and small scale sectors during the last three years is as under:—

Year	Production (in Rs. Crores)
1987	305
1988	354
1989	521

Clearance of Railway Projects by Planning Commission

1494. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of the Railway Projects cleared by the Planning Commission during 1989-90; Zonewise; and

(b) what is the number of Railway Projects pertaining to Punjab, Rajasthan and North Eastern States pending for clearance with the Planning Commission as on date?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI BHAGEY GOBARDHAN): (a) The details of the projects cleared by the Planning Commission during 1989-90 are given in the enclosed statement (*See below*) These were included by the Railways in their Budget for 1990-91.

(b) The Railway Projects are taken up on All India basis and *not* Statewise. At present two projects on construction of new railway lines received from the Railways and covering the North Eastern States are pending for clearance with the Planning Commission.

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List of Railway Projects cleared by Planning Commission in 1989-90

S. No.	Name of the Project	Zone	Latest anticipated cost (Rs. crores)
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
1.	Madgaon-Karwar* new railway line . .	Southern/South Central	107·00
2.	New B.G. link between Kandla and Bhatinda and Phase-I of B.G. route from Agra-Jaisalmer Barmer involving the following sections		
	(a) Gauge conversion from Bhilai-Samdari and parallel B.G. line from Samdari-Jodhpur	Northern Railway	267·83